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TOPIC Schoenefeld Airfield.

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1. Aircraft observed at Schoenefeld airfield between 19 May and 2 June 1953 included 3 to 5 Li-2s on hardstand No 36a, 6 Li-2s and 3 biplanes on hardstand No 35, and 17 to 20 Li-2s south of building Nos 41 and 41a. Air activity by military planes has remained the same in previous report.

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. Every day, about five Li-2s made routine flights. On 19, 21 and 22 May, night flying was practiced by the Li-2s parked on the northern edge of the field.¹

2. The CO at the field, whose name is Koltivator (fnu), was relieved in early May.²

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3. Truck with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and truck with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed entering and leaving the field.

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4. Between 2:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. on 26 May, night flying was practiced by twin-engine planes. In the late afternoon on 27 May, 27 twin-engine planes were observed in the northeastern corner and an additional 2 biplanes were also parked at the field. There was no air activity between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. On 2 and 3 June, no air activity was observed while there was a closed ceiling.

5. During the evening hours of 5 June, a total of 37 planes were counted at the field. Six of the planes had landed about 6 p.m. and were parked in the southern section of the field. On 7 June there was no air activity between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on 9 June, there was intensive air activity by twin-engine planes which took off individually and circled once over the field before departing. No landings were observed. Some biplanes and 34 other aircraft were counted at the field. On 10 June between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m., night flying was practiced.

6. In early June, because of a concrete road for motor vehicles which was under construction east of the field, vehicular traffic still passed on the runway. A four-wire telephone line extended along the northern side of the field to Zossen via Wassmannsdorf-Selchow.

7. The Bohnsdorf-Waltersdorf road was blocked for public traffic. Patrolling activity around the field was intensified.¹

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- 25X1A 1. ☐ Comment. Schoenefeld airfield is still occupied by an air transport regiment of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army and probably by a transport and courier squadron of the GOFG. The field is further used by commercial aircraft of the following air lines: Aeroflot (USSR), Lot (Poland), and CSA (Czechoslovakia).
- 25X1A 2. ☐ Comment. Koltivator, previously also reported under the name of Koltivator, is known to be the CO at the field.

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